



Side FX Band Plays for Veterans' Hospitals

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A few years ago, Kim Cameron quit her full time IT job and shifted focus to follow her lifelong dream of becoming a touring musician. Now, she is the front woman of the DC based alternative pop/rock band Side FX. Side FX's two albums to date have both received international press and have been featured on radio stations all over the world. The band's debut album, "Contradictions," was full of emotion since Kim's songs were inspired by her family's battle against cancer. This year's "Turning Point," was just that, and solidified Side FX's reputation as a new force on the East Coast music scene.

In following her dreams of music, Kim discovered another cause that she was passionate about. On a flight to Washington DC, she had met a soldier returning from Iraq after his second tour in the Middle East. His story touched her deeply and changed her life.

“What struck me was that he was a college graduate, very smart, and could have easily taken an easy route with a corporate job, Kim remembers. He said he wanted to serve the country because he felt it was something he wanted to do personally. But after all the work, he said, getting injured and coming back, nothing had changed. He said nothing he had done seemed to matter, and it just struck my soul.”

Their connection and the soldier’s story was enough for Kim to use her musical influence for a special cause. Along with furthering her music career, she had a new goal: helping veterans to enjoy their post-war lives. Side FX now has over two years of volunteering under their belts, performing for veterans on the east coast as well as a few stops at the Veterans Medical Centers in Miami and Walter Reed in Washington D.C. The shows bring a little piece of home to the patients at the hospitals, and entertainment is important to veterans recuperating from physical and emotional injuries. To date, the band has contributed over \$27K to the cause. Kim is an avid supporter of veteran-related organizations such as Mail Our Military, Wounded Warriors/Fisher House, as well as the March of Dimes, Children’s Inn, American Heart Association, and Koman’s for a Cure.

Kim Cameron is proof that it’s never too late to set a goal and embark on a journey to make a dream come true. And she has made a lot of veterans smile along the way.

See Kim interviewing with the Veterans Administration [news show here](#).

Thanks Kim for all of your hard work!